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On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier letters concerning Israel's attacks on southern Lebanon and the Western Bekaa and the arbitrary practices against the civilian inhabitants in which it engages on a daily basis, I have the honour to notify you of the series of such incidents that took place in January 2000.

1 January 2000

At 0000 hours in Bint Jubayl in the occupied strip the Lahad proxy militia arrested Hasan Kamil Sa'd, Shadi Majid Sa'd, Jawad Basil Shararah and Nu'aym Ali Sa'id Bazzi, all of them from the town itself, and took them to the town's Saff al-Hawwa' position.

At 0010 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal al-Rafi' from the Zafatah position.

Between 0335 and 0600 hours an Israeli gunboat off the coast between Mahalliyah and Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0000 and 0010 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring, the vicinity of Qasr Ghandur in Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and the area around Sujud hill from the Zafatah and Tahrah hill positions.

Between 0035 and 0200 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired 17 155-mm artillery shells and five 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Jabbur and the area round about from the Shurayfah hill and Ahmadiyah hill positions.

Between 1215 and 1300 hours Israeli warplanes overflew Mount Lebanon, Batrun, Kurah, Bsharri, Akkar and the Western Bekaa at very high altitudes, breaking the sound barrier.

Between 1930 and 1950 hours the proxy militia fired six 120-mm and 81-mm mortar rounds and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Haddatha from the Shaqif al-Naml and Bayt Yahun positions.

Between 2225 and 2245 hours the Lahad proxy militia and occupying Israeli forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells and five 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Haddatha from the positions at Shaqif al-Naml and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint. One 81-mm mortar shell impacted near an unoccupied dwelling and damaged it, and an occupied dwelling belonging to Ali Husayn Mansur was also damaged.

2 January 2000

Between 0400 and 0635 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0700 and 0830 hours the collaborators' militia fired 22 120-mm mortar rounds and 11 155-mm artillery shells at Qatan hill and Dallafah spring, at outlying areas of Qilya and Dallafah and at Wadi Zillaya from the Abu Qamhah and Zaghlah hill positions. The Lahad militia collaborating with Israel also directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Qilya and Dallafah from Ahmadiyah hill.

Between 0800 and 0815 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi Zillaya from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1150 and 2215 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Nabatiyah area at very high altitudes.

Between 1305 and 1310 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman, areas along the Tasah spring and the area around Tahrah hill from the Tahrah hill and Suwayda hill positions.

At 1400 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Iqlim al-Tuffah area at very high altitude.

Between 1415 and 1530 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring and outlying areas of Bra'shit from the Suwayda hill and Ba'lul hill positions.

Between 2045 and 2055 hours the collaborators' militia at the Ali al-Tahir hill position fired three 81-mm mortar rounds at areas around the hill itself.

At 2140 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi Habbush from the Suwayda hill position.

3 January 2000

Between 0500 and 0600 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1525 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Zun from the Rajmin hill position.

Between 1750 and 1805 hours the proxy militia fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Bir al-Dahr and two more at the Marj al-Zuhur-Zimriya road from the Abu Qamhah position.

5 January 2000

At 1045 hours several dwellings were badly damaged and electricity lines in the vicinity were cut when occupying Israeli forces set off six explosive charges in Bint Jubayl. The owners of the houses were: Abd al-Rida Atwi, Nazim Muhammad al-Hajj Abd al-Husayn Bazzi, Atif Sa'id Shararah and Abd Ali Januni.

Between 2040 and 2110 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Arabsalim and Habbush from the Sujud hill and Suwayda hill positions.

The collaborators' militia arrested Hasan Ali Nassar and Muhammad Munif Abbas Khalil from Ayta al-Sha'b.

6 January 2000

At 0210 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired two 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Basil (outside Zibqin) from the Yarin position.

7 January 2000

At 0750 hours the collaborators' militia at the Burj hill position directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around the hill itself and at the Kafr Tibnit crossing.

Between 1810 and 2020 hours the Lahad proxy militia at the Burj hill and Ali al-Tahir hill positions fired several rifle-launched grenades and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Kafr Tibnit vicinity and areas around the hills themselves.

8 January 2000

At 2110 and 2210 hours occupation forces fired four 120-mm mortar rounds at outlying areas of Bayt Lif and Zibqin from the positions at Dahr al-Jamal and the Bustan checkpoint.

At 2130 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir from the Ayn Qinya position.

9 January 2000

At 1100 hours Israeli occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Jarju', Jba' and Mlikh, at areas along the Zahrani River and at Mlita hill and Sujud hill.

Between 1200 and 1230 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at very high altitudes, breaking the sound barrier.

10 January 2000

At 0255 hours Israeli occupation forces directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the easternmost neighbourhood of Yuhmur from the position at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Beaufort Castle).

At 0830 hours in Khiyam in the occupied strip the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel arrested Husayn Mihanna Awadah, a resident of the town.

At 1505 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 81-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and Zawtar al-Gharbiyah from the Sala'ah position.

At 1550 hours the proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas Habbush and Kafr Rumman and areas along the Zahrani River from Tahrah hill and Suwayda hill.

11 January 2000

At 0515 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0905 hours the proxy militia at the Burj hill and Ali al-Tahir hill positions fired several rifle-launched grenades and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around those positions and at the outskirts of the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit. The home of Muhammad Husayn Ali Yasin was hit by three rifle-launched grenades and badly damaged.

Between 1140 and 1205 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South, Mount Lebanon and the North at very high altitudes, breaking the sound barrier.

At 1230 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1335 and 1410 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River from the Zafatah position.

Between 1340 and 1545 hours the proxy militia fired several 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds, 155-mm artillery shells and direct-fire rounds at areas along the Zahrani River, outlying areas of Jarju' and the southernmost

neighbourhood of Arabsalim from the Zafatah and Tahrah positions. The wall of an unoccupied dwelling was damaged.

Between 1650 and 1710 hours the proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar rounds at areas along the Litani River towards Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and Zawtar al-Gharbiyah from the Sala'ah position. It also directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Litani River.

The proxy militia arrested Munif Abbas Khalil of Ayta al-Sha'b and took him to Khiyam.

12 January 2000

At intervals between 0000 and 0400 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired 41 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

Between 0030 and 0140 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at various altitudes. At 0130 hours they attacked outlying areas of Luwayzah, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 0200 and 0215 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0100 and 0415 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush from the Zafatah and Tahrah positions.

At 0930 hours the proxy militia and occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Silm and Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1000 and 1100 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at various altitudes. At 1030 hours they attacked Mlita hill and outlying areas of Ayn Bu Siwar in two waves, firing four air-to-surface missiles.

Between 0900 and 1230 hours the collaborators' militia encircled Dibbin.

Between 1140 and 1245 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Mlita hill and Jabal Safi in six waves, firing eight air-to-surface missiles.

Between 1140 and 1245 hours the proxy militia fired four direct-fire rounds and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around Suwayda hill and areas along the Habbush River from the Suwayda hill and Tahrah hill positions.

Between 1240 and 1255 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas Mansuri and Mazra'at Buyut al-Siyad from the positions at Bayyadah and the Hamra' crossing. In Majdal Zun a vehicle was damaged.

At 1400 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal Jabbur, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 1415 and 1610 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal Safi, Mlita hill and outlying areas of Qabrikha in five waves, firing six air-to-surface missiles. Dwellings belonging to the following were hit: Abd al-Hasan Ahmad Fahs; Muhammad Hasan Mansur; Muhammad Jamil Salman; and Dib Nu'aym Mulhim and his brother Ibrahim. The Husayni Club and the mosque in Qabrikha were also damaged, and Zahrah Abd al-Hasan Fahs was injured.

Between 1600 and 1620 hours Israeli occupation forces fired eight 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Shu'aytiyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1650 and 1720 hours occupying forces at the Dabshah hill position fired several 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around the hill itself.

At 1800 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Mlita hill and Mazra'at Uqmata in three waves, firing three air-to-surface missiles.

Between 1815 and 1830 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal Jabbur, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

At 1900 hours in Aynata in the occupied strip the collaborators' militia arrested Husayn Ali Khanafir and Abbas Abd al-Karim Khanafir, both from the town itself, and took them to the "17" station in Bint Jubayl.

13 January 2000

At 0000 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel and occupying Israeli forces at the Zafatah, Dabshah hill, Suwayda hill and Tahrah hill positions fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds and two direct-fire rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River, Murabba'ah (outside Mayfadun), Wadi al-Kafur, outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and areas around the aforesaid hills.

At 0040 hours the proxy militia fired five 120-mm mortar rounds at an area west of Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill position.

Between 0520 and 0750 hours the proxy militia and occupying Israeli forces at the Zafatah, Dabshah hill, Tahrah hill and Suwayda hill positions fired several 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah, at areas around the aforesaid hills, at areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush and Kafr Rumman and at Wadi al-Kafur.

Between 0615 and 0730 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South at very high altitudes.

At 0830 hours occupation forces and the proxy militia at the Shurayfah, Zafatah, Razlan hill, Dabshah hill, Tahrah hill and Suwayda hill positions fired

several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Habbush, Kafr Rumman and Arabsalim, at the vicinity of the Arabsalim school and at areas around the aforesaid hills.

At 0935 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Arabsalim, firing an air-to-surface missile.

At 1000 hours in Aynata the Lahad proxy militia arrested Hisham Yusuf Khanafir, a local resident, and took him to the "17" station in Bint Jubayl. He was released at 1700 hours.

At 1130 hours the proxy militia released 25 detainees from Khiyam prison. Eighteen of the freed prisoners, however, remained in the occupied strip. They were: Muhsin Mustafa Qadhan; Fayyad Muhammad Fayyad Isa; Karam Musa Khalil Mustafa; Maryam Ali Jawad Faqih; Sami Yusuf Muhammad Ghawr; Qinya Nayif Karim Abu Dallah; Zaynah Abd Muhammad Qutaysh; Ali Qasim Ali Hamdan; Sa'id Muhammad Ali Khalil Musa; Bilal Ali Nab'ah; Husayn Ali Rimal; Khayr Sitam Abd Allah; Abbas Ali Salim Sakini; Ibrahim Ahmad Hamud Shu'ayt; Muhammad Kamil Abd al-Karim Yunus; Hasan Nu'aym Harbi; Husayn Hasan Alman; and Buthaynah Ali Abd Allah.

At 1300 and 1325 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the Mazra'at Uqmata vicinity and outlying areas of Zawtar al-Gharbiyah, firing two air-to-surface missiles. In Zawtar al-Gharbiyah the home of Basmah Abd al-Hasan Suwaydan and one vehicle were damaged.

Between 1400 and 1445 hours Israeli occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River and outlying areas of Kafr Rumman from the Shurayfah hill, Suwayda hill, Dabshah hill and Razlan hill positions. In Kafr Rumman the home of Ibrahim Sulayman Hamzah and one vehicle were damaged.

At 1500 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River from the Suwayda hill position.

Between 2000 and 2035 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River and Wadi al-Kafur from the Zafatah position.

At 2100 hours occupation forces and the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at al-Hamra', the Yuhmur lowland and the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit from the positions at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Beaufort Castle), Arnun, Burj hill, Ali al-Tahir hill and Zafatah.

At 2200 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the area around Mazra'at al-Hamra', firing an air-to-surface missile.

14 January 2000

Between 0500 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off the Qulaylah lowland fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0500 and 0615 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Kafur and the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from the Zafatah position.

Between 0700 and 0715 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River and Wadi al-Kafur from the Zafatah position.

Between 0850 and 0930 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm and 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring, the outskirts of Arabsalim and the area around Suwayda hill from the Suwayda hill and Zafatah positions. It also fired several 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and direct-fire rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman and Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and areas round about from the Tahrah hill and Ali al-Tahir hill positions. A 120-mm mortar round impacted in Arabsalim, causing serious damage to the home of Ahmad Ali Hammud.

At 1400 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas Kafr Hunah, Rayhan, Surayrah and Qutrani from the Rayhan, Ayshiyah and Shurayfah positions.

At 1600 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at the area around Sujud hill from the Zafatah position.

At 1615 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the area around Sujud hill, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 1250 and 1500 hours the collaborators' militia fired 30 120-mm mortar rounds and 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Abu Rashid and Jabal Jabbur from the Ahmadiyah hill and Abu Qamhah.

Between 1545 and 1555 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired four 120-mm mortar rounds at the Mayfadun road from the Abu Qamhah position.

Between 1715 and 2040 hours occupation forces at the Dabshah hill position directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and the area around the hill itself.

At 1720 hours the proxy militia at the Zimriya position directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Mimis ridge, Jabal Bir al-Dahr and the area around the Zimriya crossing.

15 January 2000

Between 0600 and 0615 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal al-Za'tar from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 0630 and 0635 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Silm from the Tallusah position.

At 0640 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman from the Zafatah position.

Between 1000 and 1300 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around Sujud hill, at Jabal al-Rafi' and Mazra'at Uqmata, at outlying areas of Zibqin, Majdal Zun and Izziyah and at the outskirts of Kafr Rumman from the Zafatah, Rayhan, Rajmin hill and Tahrah hill positions. In Kafr Rumman the home of Abd Allah Muhammad Yazbak was damaged by an 81-mm mortar round.

Between 1235 and 1430 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the Sujud hill vicinity, Mazra'at Uqmata and outlying areas of Zibqin in three waves, firing three air-to-surface missiles.

At 1220 hours occupation forces at the Tall Ya'qub position fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Mansuri and Zibqin.

At 1550 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Wadi al-Arishah, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

Between 1655 and 1740 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Bra'shit and Tibnin from the Bayt Yahun position.

Between 1900 and 1910 hours occupation forces fired five 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar, Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1605 and 1950 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired four 155-mm artillery shells and three direct-fire rounds and directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Rumman and outlying areas of Yatar and Shaqra from the Tall Ya'qub, Suwayda hill, Tahrah hill and Hula positions.

16 January 2000

Between 0300 and 0515 hours the collaborators' militia fired 12 120-mm mortar rounds at a point to the west of Jabal Jabbur from Ahmadiyah hill.

Between 0550 and 0615 hours Israeli helicopters attacked the area around Mazra'at al-Hamra', firing seven air-to-surface missiles. The same happened at 0625 hours.

At 0645 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Sawwanah hill from the Zafatah position.

Between 0650 and 0700 hours the proxy militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the Tallusah position.

In transpired that in the air raid on Mazra'at al-Hamra' one member of the Resistance, Husayn Mahmud Salih, had been killed and another, Basim Muhammad Faqih, had been wounded.

Between 1500 and 1600 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at Kafr Hunah from the Rayhan position.

Between 1755 and 1900 hours occupation forces fired 17 155-mm artillery shells at Mazra'at Uqmata and outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm from the Shurayfah and Tall Ya'qub positions.

Between 1840 and 1855 hours the collaborators' militia fired six 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Bir al-Dahr from Abu Qamhah. It also directed several bursts of 12.7-mm rounds at Jabal Bir al-Dahr and the Mimis ridge from Zaghlah hill.

Between 1830 and 1915 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel and Israeli occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and direct-fire rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah and Wadi al-Kafur from the Zafatah and Dabshah hill positions.

At 1925 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Haddatha from the Rshaf position.

At 2200 hours occupation forces and the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and direct-fire rounds at the area around Sujud hill and outlying areas of Jba' from the Rayhan and Shurayfah positions.

Between 1915 and 1930 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired seven 120-mm mortar rounds from the Abu Qamhah position and six [from elsewhere] at the Jabbur pool.

Between 1500 and 1600 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at Kafr Hunah from the Rayhan position.

Between 1755 and 1900 hours occupation forces fired 17 155-mm artillery shells at Mazra'at Uqmata and outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm from the Shurayfah and Tall Ya'qub positions.

Between 1840 and 1855 hours the collaborators' militia fired six 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Bir al-Dahr from Abu Qamhah. It also directed several bursts of 12.7-mm rounds at Jabal Bir al-Dahr and the Mimis ridge.

17 January 2000

At 0000 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the southern slope of Qala' hill, firing two air-to-surface missiles. They also attacked Luwayzah hill on two occasions, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

Between 0400 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0000 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush from the Zafatah position.

At 0050 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Jabal Safi, firing an air-to-surface missile.

Between 0630 and 0725 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Bra'shit, Haddathah, Haris, Kafra, Yatar, at areas along the Habbush River and at the area around the government school in Arabsalim from the positions at Jabal Hamid, Shaqif al-Nami, Ruways, Ba'lul hill, Suwayda hill and Zafatah. The Arabsalim school had to be closed.

Between 0840 and 0845 hours occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1110 and 1255 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South, Mount Lebanon and the Western Bekaa, breaking the sound barrier over Sidon.

At 1813 and 1845 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Sujud and Mazra'at Uqmata, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

At 1930 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired three 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah position.

18 January 2000

At 0950 hours Israeli occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at the area around Jabal Basil from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1220 and 1245 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired three 81-mm mortar rounds at outlying areas of Bra'shit from the Ba'lul hill position.

At 1240 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Tasah spring, the outskirts of Luwayzah and the area around Sujud hill from the Zafatah and Sujud hill positions.

At 1700 hours a number of mortar rounds and bursts of 12.7-mm rounds fired from the collaborators' position at Rshaf hill impacted in the Sharq area between Haddatha and Rshaf.

19 January 2000

At 1500 hours the collaborators' militia expelled Mazin al-Zayn from the occupied strip by way of the Hamra'-Mansuri crossing.

At 1600 hours occupying Israeli forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and outlying areas of Sawwanah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1800 and 1810 hours occupation forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

20 January 2000

Between 0530 and 0535 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at the Dallafah spring from the Ayn Qinya position and directed bursts of 12.7-mm rounds at the Hamra'-Mansuri crossing from Zimriya hill.

At 0730 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at Wadi Habbush from the Zafatah position.

At 1400 hours the collaborators' militia arrested Zaynab Abd al-Hamid Surur in Ayta al-Sha'b. She was taken to Khiyam prison.

Between 1500 and 1930 hours the proxy militia fired 46 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah and Ahmadiyah hill positions.

At 1640 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at areas along the Tasah spring from the Zafatah position.

At 1300 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at the Jabbur pool and Jabal Abu Rashid from the Rayhan position.

Between 1700 and 1715 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at the area around Jabal Safi and outlying areas of Jba' from the Zafatah position.

Between 1925 and 2040 hours the proxy militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at Mazra'at Uqmata and outlying areas of Jba' from the Zafatah position.

Between 2100 and 2115 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Rshaf from the Ruways position.

At 2200 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Sujud hill and areas along the Habbush River from the Zafatah and Suwayda hill positions.

21 January 2000

Between 0600 and 0610 hours the collaborators' militia at the Tahrah hill position directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Kafr Rumman and the area around the hill itself.

Between 1005 and 1030 hours occupation forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas Majdal Zun and Izziyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1215 and 1230 hours the collaborators' militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Shama' and Hardhun positions.

At 1600 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Uqmata and Jarju' from the Zafatah and Mlita hill positions.

Between 1630 and 1950 hours the collaborators' militia fired 16 120-mm mortar rounds, seven 155-mm artillery shells and four 81-mm mortar rounds at Wadi al-Fatir, Jabal Bir al-Dahr and the area around Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah and Ahmadiyah hill positions.

Between 2000 and 2030 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired four 81-mm and 60-mm mortar rounds at outlying areas of Rshaf and Tiri from the Shal'abun hill position.

At 2210 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired three 120-mm mortar rounds at the area around Sujud hill from the Zafatah position.

22 January 2000

At 0000 hours the proxy militia fired five 155-mm artillery shells at the western slopes of Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah position.

Between 0000 and 0150 hours the Lahad proxy militia and occupation forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Kafur, the area around Qal'at al-Shaqif (Beaufort Castle) and Tahrah hill from the Zafatah, Qal'at al-Shaqif and Tahrah hill positions.

At 0650 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River, at Wadi al-Kafur, at areas around Sujud hill and Suwayda hill and at Jarju' from the Suwayda and Sujud hill positions.

Between 0635 and 0710 hours the proxy militia fired 12 120-mm mortar rounds at the western slopes of Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah position.

Between 0825 and 0905 hours Israeli forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Frun, Srifa and Mazra'at al-Tuwayri from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Qusayr.

Between 1050 and 1100 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired four 81-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Bra'shit from the Ba'lul hill position.

At 1545 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri, Buyut al-Siyad and Majdal Zun from the Bayyadah position.

Between 1710 and 1800 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia at the Shurayfah, Zafatah, Suwayda hill, Sujud hill, Burj hill, Ali al-Tahir hill, Dabshah hill and Tahrah hill positions fired several 155-mm artillery shells, 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and direct-fire rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around the aforesaid hills, areas along the Tasah spring, Jabal al-Rafi', the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit and outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa.

In the shelling of Kafr Tibnit an occupied dwelling, that of Muhammad Najib Zaytun, was hit by several 12.7-mm rounds.

Between 2025 and 2045 hours the collaborators' militia launched three illumination flares, fired three 120-mm and 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the Zimriya crossing and the Mimis ridge from the Zimriya and Zaghlah positions.

Between 1800 and 1915 hours occupation forces and the militia collaborating with them fired several 155-mm artillery shells, 120-mm and 81-mm mortar rounds and direct-fire rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Habbush, Kafr Rumman, Kafr Tibnit, areas along the Zahrani River, Jarju' and Wadi al-Qaysiyah.

23 January 2000

Between 0630 and 0745 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and rifle-launched grenades and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Yatar, Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm, at areas along the Zahrani River, at the easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit and at Yuhmur from the Tall Ya'qub, Shaqif hill, Ruways hill and Burj hill positions. An agricultural tractor was damaged.

Between 1045 and 1115 hours occupying Israeli forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 60-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Mansuri and Bra'shit from the Tall Ya'qub, Shama' and Ba'lul hill positions.

Between 1220 and 1235 hours the collaborators' militia at the Tahrah hill position fired several 81-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around the hill itself and at Kafr Rumman. In Kafr Rumman Muhammad Muhsin Dahir was hit by a 12.7-mm round.

Between 1530 and 1550 hours occupation forces and the Lahad militia collaborating with them fired three 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire from the Ba'lul hill, Shaqif al-Naml and Dabshah

positions at outlying areas of Haddatha and areas around the positions themselves.

At 1915 hours occupation forces directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Yuhmur from the position at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Beaufort Castle).

At 1950 hours the collaborators' militia at the Hardhun hill position directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area around the hill itself and outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Mansuri.

Between 2230 and 2240 hours the proxy militia at the Ba'lul hill position directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the area round about and at outlying areas of Bra'shit.

24 January 2000

Between 0000 and 0130 hours the collaborators' militia fired 13 120-mm mortar rounds and 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah position.

Between 0000 and 0720 hours the collaborators' militia at the Ali al-Tahir hill position launched two illumination flares over the position itself.

At 0840 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired four 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal al-Rafi' and outlying areas of Arabsalim and Habbush from the Zafatah position.

At 1030 hours the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds at Mazra'at Uqmata and Mazra'at Sujud from the Zafatah position.

At 1200 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir from the Zimriya hill position.

Between 1335 and 1515 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun and at Mlita hill from Hardhun hill, Bayyadah hill and Zafatah.

At 1540 hours Israeli warplanes attacked areas along the Tasah spring, firing two air-to-surface missiles. Talib Husayn Harb was wounded, and he died on 26 January 2000.

At 1700 hours the Lahad proxy militia at the Rayhan and Shurayfah positions fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds and occupation forces at the Shurayfah position fired several 155-mm artillery shells at the Jabbur pool.

Between 1640 and 1820 hours occupation forces and the Lahad proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds at outlying areas of Frun, Qabrikha, Zawtar al-Sharqiyah, Zawtar al-Gharbiyah,

Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr, Shawakib and Mayfadun from the positions at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Zafatah, Dahr al-Maydan, Sala'ah, Qusayr and Qantarah.

At 1600 hours the collaborators' militia arrested Ali Husayn Qasim in Ayta al-Sha'b and took him to Khiyam prison.

Between 2045 and 2145 hours occupation forces and the Lahad proxy militia at the Zafatah, Ali al-Tahir hill, Dabshah hill and Suwayda hill positions fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the outskirts of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa, at Qasr Ghandur, Sawwan al-Jawhariyah and the Qasidah neighbourhood of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and at areas along the Zahrani River and around the aforesaid hills.

At 2215 hours occupying Israeli forces fired two 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from the Tall Ya'qub position.

25 January 2000

Between 0300 and 0500 hours an Israeli gunboat offshore between Bayyadah and Sarafand fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

Between 0640 and 0705 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel fired several 60-mm, 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Haddatha, Ayta al-Jabal and Tibnin and at the outskirts of Bra'shit from the Shaqif al-Naml, Bayt Yahun and Ba'lul hill positions.

Between 0800 and 0835 hours the collaborators' militia fired five 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas and the outskirts of Bra'shit from Ba'lul hill south of the town.

At 1040 hours occupation forces fired seven 155-mm artillery shells at the Jabal Basil area south-west of Yatar from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1120 and 1145 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired three 155-mm artillery shells and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Zun, Mansuri and Izziyah from the positions at Tall Ya'qub, Hardhun, Bayyadah and the Hamra' crossing.

Between 1240 and 1300 hours occupying Israeli forces fired 10 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1300 and 1340 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Mlita hill and the Yuhmur lowland from the Zafatah position.

At 1555 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the Qasr al-Sindiyanah restaurant and nightclub in Jba', firing an air-to-surface missile. The home of Hasan Ali al-Shantaqi was hit, and his wife, Khadijah Haydar, and his mother, Maymanah Safa, were injured. The destruction of the restaurant also cut the road between

Jba' and Ayn Bu Siwar, windows were broken in a café owned by Hasan al-Zayn, and electricity lines in the town were damaged.

At 1835 hours occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Izziyah from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 2105 and 2130 hours the proxy militia at the Ayn Qinya and Zaghlah positions directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around its positions and at Wadi al-Fatir.

At 2115 hours the collaborators' militia directed bursts of 12.7-mm rounds at the Dallafah spring and areas along the Litani River from Ahmadiyah hill.

At 2215 hours the collaborators' militia directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir from the Ayn Qinya and Zimriya positions.

26 January 2000

Between 0700 and 0725 hours occupying Israeli forces fired 18 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1045 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush and Kafr Rumman as well as a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Kafr Rumman itself from the Suwayda hill and Tahrah hill positions. A secondary school, the elementary school and Arabsalim government school had to be closed.

Between 1130 and 1215 hours the Lahad proxy militia at the Sala'ah and Qusayr positions fired 13 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around those positions, at outlying areas of Qantarah and Qusayr and at Wadi al-Hujayr.

Between 1440 and 1450 hours the proxy militia directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the Shama' position.

Between 1605 and 1625 hours occupation forces fired four 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub position.

Between 1710 and 1830 hours the proxy militia and occupation forces at the Sujud hill, Suwayda hill, Dabshah hill and Tahrah hill positions directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas around those hills, the outskirts of Jarju' and Kafr Rumman, outlying areas of Nabatiyah al-Fawqa and the Army's L-12 station in Kafr Rumman.

Between 2000 and 2110 hours the proxy militia fired two 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Haddatha and Mansuri from the positions at Shaqif al-Naml and the Hamra' crossing.

In the shelling of Kafr Rumman by the collaborators' militia at Tahrah hill and Suwayda hill during the morning, six occupied dwellings were hit and badly damaged. They were those of Abbas Ibrahim Hamzah, Ja'far Hasan Sadiq, Husayn Ali Sultan, Husayn Hasan Dahir, Muhammad Yusuf Hammadah and Ahmad Shukr. A shell also impacted near the Army's L-12 station in the town and its telephone line was severed. An 81-mm round also impacted on the Habbush-Arabsalim road, and the home of Dib Abbud was hit by shrapnel.

27 January 2000

At 0525 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the area around Sujud hill, firing an air-to-surface missile. Occupation forces also fired four 120-mm mortar rounds at the same area and at Mazra'at Uqmata.

At 0800 hours in Khiyam town the collaborators' militia arrested Husayn Ahmad Awwadah, a local resident, and took him to their town office.

Between 1305 and 1315 hours the collaborators' militia fired three 81-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Qusayr and at the nearby wadis from the Qusayr and Sala'ah positions.

Between 2150 and 2250 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds at outlying areas of Qantarah and the areas around the proxy militia's positions at Muhaysibat and Sujud hill from the Shurayfah and Zafatah positions.

During the afternoon the proxy militia prevented Hasan Abd al-Hasan Surur from returning to Ayta al-Sha'b, his home town.

28 January 2000

At 0130 and 0520 hours the collaborators' militia fired four 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Uqmata, Jabal al-Rafi', the Qasr Ghandur vicinity, the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah and the fringes of the Qasidah neighbourhood in Nabatiyah al-Fawqa from the Zafatah and Ali al-Tahir hill positions.

At 0755 hours occupation forces fired 15 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas Zibqin, Shu'aytiyah and Jibal al-Butm from the Tall Ya'qub position.

At 0700 hours the Lahad militia collaborating with Israel directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the westernmost neighbourhood of Arabsalim from the Suwayda hill position, damaging a vehicle.

At 1420 hours occupation forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah to the west of Majdal Silm from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

At 1500 hours occupation forces fired two 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah from the position at the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1620 and 1700 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired five direct-fire rounds and four 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of miscellaneous-weapons fire at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the Hardhun hill and Shama' positions.

At 1700 hours occupation forces and the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds at areas along the Zahrani River, the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah and outlying areas of Mayfadun from the positions at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Beaufort Castle), Suwayda hill, Dabshah hill and Zafatah. In the shelling of areas along the Zahrani River damage was done to electricity lines.

Between 1800 and 2150 hours the collaborators' militia fired six 120-mm mortar rounds at an area to the west of Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah position.

29 January 2000

At 0930 hours the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds at and around the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah and at areas along the Zahrani River and outlying areas of Habbush from the Zafatah position.

Between 1505 and 1540 hours the collaborators' militia fired eight direct-fire rounds and three 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas Majdal Zun and Mansuri from the Hardhun, Shama' and Bayyadah positions.

At 2100 hours the Lahad proxy militia directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Jarju' from the Sujud hill position.

Between 2200 and 2215 hours the collaborators' militia directed a number of bursts of miscellaneous-weapons fire and fired five 81-mm mortar rounds from two positions at Hula at areas around those positions.

30 January 2000

At various times between 0000 and 0705 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 120-mm mortar rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Mazra'at Uqmata, the area around Sujud hill and Qal'at al-Shaqif (Beaufort Castle) from the Zafatah, Rayhan and Qal'at al-Shaqif positions.

Between 0400 and 0530 hours an Israeli gunboat off Mansuri fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 0700 hours the collaborators' militia directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at areas along the Litani River. It and Israeli occupation forces also fired several 155-mm artillery shells, 81-mm mortar rounds and direct-fire rounds at Wadi Nahlah, Wadi al-Qaysiyah, Tallusah and outlying areas of Shaqra, Bra'shit, Zibqin and Jibal al-Butm from the positions at Tall Ya'qub, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Muhaybis, Markaba and Hula.

At 0900 and 0910 hours Israeli warplanes attacked Wadi al-Saluqi in two waves, firing two air-to-surface missiles.

Between 2310 and 2330 hours four waves of Israeli helicopters fired 13 air-to-surface missiles at outlying areas of Jba', Ayn Bu Siwar and Ayn Qana.

Between 1435 and 1530 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Zibqin, Shu'aytiyah, Sawwan al-Jawhariyah and Wadi al-Kafur from the Tall Ya'qub and Zafatah positions.

Between 1540 and 1615 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Haddatha, Haris, Tibnin, Yatar and Jibal al-Butm in five waves, firing six air-to-surface missiles.

At intervals between 1825 and 2000 hours occupation forces and the proxy militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Kafra, Yatar, Haris, Haddatha, Tibnin, Bra'shit, Majdal Zun, Shaqra, Rshaf, Mansuri, Izziyah and Hinniyah, at Wadi al-Kafur, Wadi al-Saluqi and Wadi al-Qaysiyah and at Sawwan al-Jawhariyah from the positions at Tall Ya'qub, the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and Zafatah.

At 1900 hours an Israeli gunboat off Ra's al-Ayn fired several bursts of medium-weapons fire in all directions.

At 1930 hours the collaborators' militia fired several direct-fire rounds and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at the abandoned easternmost neighbourhood of Kafr Tibnit from the Ali al-Tahir hill position.

At 2050 hours the proxy militia fired three 120-mm mortar rounds at Jabal Bir al-Dahr from the Abu Qamhah position.

In the Israeli shelling of Yatar and outlying areas of Kafra, a dwelling in Kafra inhabited by Yahya and Muhammad Ali Dawud Hamdan was hit and the following suffered miscellaneous injuries: Ghadah Hamdan, Fatimah Hamdan, Samirah al-Abd and Ali Suwaydan.

<u>31 January 2000</u>

At 0115 hours the collaborators' militia at the Zafatah and Burj hill positions fired several 155-mm artillery shells and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at Jabal al-Ahmar (between Jibshit and Haruf) and at areas around the hill itself.

Between 0100 and 0520 hours the militia fired 17 120-mm mortar rounds at an area to the west of Jabal Jabbur from the Abu Qamhah position.

At 0610 and 0740 hours the proxy militia and occupation forces at the Zafatah and Dabshah hill positions fired a 155-mm artillery shell and directed a number of bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Jarju' and Ayn Bu Siwar and at areas around the hill itself.

At 0600 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired four 155-mm artillery shells and two 81-mm mortar rounds at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and outlying areas of Haddatha from the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint and the Shaqif al-Naml position.

At 0825 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds at areas around Sujud hill, Jabal al-Rafi' and Mlita hill from the Zafatah and Shurayfah positions.

Between 0920 and 0950 hours Israeli warplanes attacked the Sujud hill vicinity and Jabal al-Rafi in four waves, firing four air-to-surface missiles.

Between 0830 and 0840 hours the Lahad proxy militia fired several 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds at areas along the Tasah spring and the Sujud hill vicinity from the Sujud hill and Razlan positions.

In the Israeli air raid on outlying areas of Jba', Ayn Bu Siwar and Ayn Qana at 2300 hours on 30 January 2000, several businesses in Ayn Bu Siwar and an occupied dwelling in Ayn Qana belonging to Nasib Muhammad Mashurab were damaged.

Between 1115 and 1130 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds at Wadi al-Qaysiyah, at outlying areas of Zawtar al-Sharqiyah and Zawtar al-Gharbiyah and at Yuhmur and the surrounding area from the positions at Shurayfah, Zafatah and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint. Linda Muhammad Qasim, from Yuhmur, was hurt.

Between 1230 and 1310 hours Israeli warplanes attacked outlying areas of Mayfadun and Frun, firing several air-to-surface missiles. It transpired that the attack carried out at 1310 hours was aimed at an outlying area of Khirbat Silm adjacent to Frun and that window panes in homes and shops were broken as a result.

At 1500 hours in Khiyam town the collaborators' militia arrested Ahmad Muhammad Awwadah, a local resident, and took him to Khiyam prison.

Between 1410 and 1545 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds at outlying areas of Mansuri, Majdal Zun, Qa'qa'iyat al-Jisr, Arabsalim and Jba' and at areas along the Zahrani River towards Habbush from the positions at Tall Ya'qub, Zafatah, Shurayfah, Rayhan and the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint.

Between 1905 and 1915 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired four 155-mm artillery shells and eight 81-mm and 120-mm mortar rounds and directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas and the outskirts of Haddatha from the Mays al-Jabal checkpoint, Shal'abun hill, Saff al-Hawwa' and Shaqif al-Naml.

Between 1900 and 2000 hours occupation forces and the collaborators' militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells and 120-mm mortar rounds at Wadi al-Kafur and outlying areas of Mayfadun and Jba' from the Shurayfah and Zafatah positions.

At 2155 hours the collaborators' militia directed bursts of medium-weapons fire at Wadi al-Fatir from Zaghlah hill.

In the shelling of outlying areas and fringes of Yatar, Kafra, Haddatha and Ayta al-Jabal, several dwellings and shops, three vehicles and electricity lines were damaged.

In the shelling of Haddatha at 1915 hours, a 120-mm mortar round impacted in the easternmost neighbourhood of the town and damaged a number of dwellings. They belonged to Qasim Amin Faqih, Hasan Qasim Nasir and Ali Jamil Isa. A shop and a vehicle were also damaged.

At 2000 hours occupation forces fired six 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Jibal al-Butm, Yatar, Zibqin and Majdal Zun from the Tall Ya'qub position.

The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the continued Israeli occupation and the fresh attacks and arbitrary practices against the Lebanese civilian population and civilian targets that have left a number of dead and wounded and have caused further serious damage to property and infrastructure.

Like previous attacks, this new series is in flagrant violation of the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon and constitutes a breach of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, of international law and of basic human rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 43, and of the Security Council.

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Financing of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report contains the financial performance report of the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999. The General Assembly, in its resolutions 52/246 of 26 June 1998 and 53/222 A of 7 April 1999, appropriated a total amount of $29,968,700 gross ($28,536,700 net) for the same period.

Expenditures for the period totalled $26,261,000 gross ($25,101,100 net), excluding budgeted voluntary contributions in kind of $1,788,000, resulting in an unencumbered balance of $3,707,700 gross ($3,435,600 net).

The unencumbered balance resulted mainly from vacancies for civilian police and civilian staff.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the Mission is to decide on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $3,707,700 gross ($3,435,600 net).

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I. Introduction

1. The Security Council decided, by its resolution 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, to establish the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH) as a follow-on mission to the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti (UNTMIH), for a one-year period beginning on 1 December 1997.

2. On 25 November 1998, the Security Council, by its resolution 1212 (1998), extended the mandate of MIPONUH until 30 November 1999.

3. Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1212 (1998), the revised budget for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 for the maintenance of MIPONUH was set out in the report of the Secretary-General of 11 January 1999 (A/53/789). It amounted to $29,994,700 gross ($28,562,700 net) excluding budgeted voluntary contributions in kind totalling $3,428,400 for two medium-utility helicopters. It provided for 300 civilian police, 74 international and 133 local staff as well as 17 United Nations Volunteers. The civilian police force of 300 includes a special police-formed unit consisting of a 90-person strong rapid reaction unit deployed along with its 50-person support group.

4. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraph 14 of its report of 26 February 1999 (A/53/846), recommended that the General Assembly appropriate an amount of $12,264,015 gross ($11,577,615 net) in addition to the amount of $17,704,685 gross ($16,959,085 net) appropriated under resolution 52/246 of 26 June 1998 for a total appropriation of $29,968,700 gross ($28,536,700 net).

5. The General Assembly, by its resolutions 52/246 of 26 June 1998 and 53/222 A of 7 April 1999, appropriated a total amount of $29,968,700 gross ($28,536,700 net) for the maintenance of MIPONUH for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, inclusive of $894,085 for the support account for peacekeeping operations. These amounts have been assessed on Member States.

II. Implementation of the budget

6. Information on the operation of MIPONUH during the period under review is contained in the reports of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 24 August 1998 (S/1998/796), 11 November 1998 (S/1998/1064), 19 February 1999 (S/1999/181) and 19 May 1999 (S/1999/579).

7. The activities of MIPONUH during this period continued to focus on strengthening the capacity of the National Police to police the country. The Mission continued to undertake renovations of police stations at which United Nations civilian police were located in the course of strengthening and monitoring the National Police.

8. One of the medium-sized utility helicopters which was provided as a budgeted voluntary contribution in kind was lost in a fatal crash in March 1999 in which six members of the special police-formed unit perished. A replacement helicopter was made available to the Mission only at the end of May 1999. Consequently, the value of the budgeted voluntary contribution has been adjusted to reflect the reduction in

flying hours. The additional requirement of $180,000 for death and disability compensation is also attributable to this crash.

9. The overall average vacancy rate for international staff was 11 per cent. While the mandate of the Mission was extended to 30 November 1999, the Mission was not able simultaneously to replace personnel who had been reassigned to other missions.

III. Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

10. As indicated in table 1, from the appropriation of $29,968,700 gross ($28,536,700 net) for the maintenance of MIPONUH for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, expenditures amounted to $26,261,000 gross ($25,101,100 net), inclusive of $5,854,000 in unliquidated obligations. The resulting unencumbered balance of $3,707,700 gross ($3,435,600 net) represents, in gross terms, approximately 12 per cent of the amount appropriated. Annex I to the present report contains the financial performance information for the reporting period by budget line item. Supplementary information on significant variances is given in annex II. Annex IV provides a chart showing apportionment and expenditure by main budget groups.

Table 1
Apportionment and expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*[a]	*Variance*
Military personnel	411.5	591.5	(180.0)
Civilian personnel	19 604.9	16 719.5	2 885.4
Operational requirements	7 424.2	6 710.9	713.3
Other programmes[b]	58.8	41.9	16.9
United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi[c]	143.2	143.2	—
Support account for peacekeeping operations	894.1	894.1	—
Staff assessment	1 432.0	1 159.9	272.1
Gross requirements	**29 968.7**	**26 261.0**	**3 707.7**
Income from staff assessment	(1 432.0)	(1 159.9)	(272.1)
Net requirements	**28 536.7**	**25 101.1**	**3 435.6**
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	1 788.0	1 788.0	—
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—	—	—
Total resources	**31 756.7**	**28 049.0**	**3 707.7**

[a] Includes an amount of $5,854,000 in unliquidated obligations.
[b] Excludes personnel.
[c] Included in apportionment since the amount was reflected in the revised cost estimates contained in document A/53/789.

11. Information on the deployment of civilian personnel during the reporting period is given in table 2 and annex III.

Table 2
Authorized staffing, incumbency and vacancy rates for military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

Personnel category	*Authorized strength*	*Actual strength (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*
Military observers	—	—	—
Military contingents	—	—	—
Civilian police	300	289	4
International staff	74	66	11
National Professional staff	—	—	—
Local staff	133	132	—
United Nations Volunteers	17	15	12

IV. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session

12. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of MIPONUH is to decide on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $3,707,700 gross ($3,435,600 net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999.**

Annex I

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999: summary statement

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category of expenditure	*(1)* *Apportionment* [a]	*(2)* *Non-recurrent expenditures*	*(3)* *Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)*	*(4) = (1 - 3)* *Variance*
I. Military personnel				
1. Military observers	-	-	-	-
2. Military contingents	291.5	-	291.5	-
3. Other requirements pertaining to military personnel				
(a) Contingent-owned equipment	-	-	-	-
(b) Self-sustainment	-	-	-	-
(c) Death and disability compensation	120.0	-	300.0	(180.0)
Subtotal, line 3	120.0	-	300.0	(180.0)
Total, category I	**411.5**	-	**591.5**	**(180.0)**
II. Civilian personnel				
1. Civilian police	8 797.4	-	8 188.2	609.2
2. International and local staff	10 137.0	-	7 965.9	2 171.1
3. United Nations Volunteers	670.5	-	565.4	105.1
4. Government-provided personnel	-	-	-	-
5. Civilian electoral observers	-	-	-	-
Total, category II	**19 604.9**	-	**16 719.5**	**2 885.4**
III. Operational requirements				
1. Premises/accommodation	1 445.3	25.9	1 229.3	216.0
2. Infrastructure repairs	-	-	-	-
3. Transport operations	2 946.1	42.3	2 900.1	46.0
4. Air operations	86.2	-	95.3	(9.1)
5. Naval operations	34.8	-	27.9	6.9
6. Communications	373.8	57.7	334.2	39.6
7. Other equipment	861.9	219.0	681.7	180.2
8. Supplies and services	1 670.1	-	1 410.2	259.9
9. Air and surface freight				
(a) Transport of contingent-owned equipment	-	-	-	-
(b) Commercial freight and cartage	6.0	32.2	32.2	(26.2)
Subtotal, line 9	6.0	32.2	32.2	(26.2)
Total, category III	**7 424.2**	**377.1**	**6 710.9**	**713.3**

Category of expenditure	(1) Apportionment [a]	(2) Non-recurrent expenditures	(3) Total expenditures (inclusive of non-recurrent expenditures)	(4) = (1 - 3) Variance
IV. Other programmes				
1. Election-related supplies and services	-	-	-	-
2. Public information programmes	58.8	12.8	41.9	16.9
3. Training programmes	-	-	-	-
4. Mine-clearing programmes	-	-	-	-
5. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-	-	-	-
Total, category IV	**58.8**	**12.8**	**41.9**	**16.9**
V. United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi	**143.2**	-	**143.2**	-
VI. Support account for peacekeeping operations	**894.1**	-	**894.1**	**(0.0)**
VII. Staff assessment	**1 432.0**	-	**1 159.9**	**272.1**
Gross requirements, categories I-VII	29 968.7	389.9	26 261.0	3 707.7
VIII. Income from staff assessment	**(1 432.0)**	-	**(1 159.9)**	**(272.1)**
Net requirements, categories I-VIII	28 536.7	389.9	25 101.1	3 435.6
IX. Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	**1 788.0**	-	**1 788.0**	-
X. Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	-
Total	**31 756.7**	**389.9**	**28 049.0**	**3 707.7**

[a] Based on appropriations provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/246 and 53/222 A.

Annex II

Supplementary information on significant variances

Military personnel

Apportionment: $411,500; expenditure: $591,500; variance: ($180,000)

1. Additional requirements of $180,000 relate to death and disability compensation. The higher expenditure was due to a helicopter crash in March 1999 in which six members of the special police-formed unit were killed.

Civilian personnel

Apportionment: $19,604,900; expenditure: $16,719,500; variance: $2,885,400

2. The unutilized balance of $2,885,400 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements under civilian police ($609,200), international and local staff ($2,171,100) and United Nations Volunteers ($105,100).

Civilian police

Apportionment: $8,797,400; expenditure: $8,188,200; variance: $609,200

3. The unutilized balance of $609,200 was primarily attributable to lower deployment of civilian police, resulting in reduced requirements for mission subsistence allowance, travel and rations. The overall vacancy rate for the civilian police force was 4 per cent. However, the vacancy rate for the 160 civilian police, excluding the formed unit, during the reporting period averaged 9 per cent, resulting in an unspent balance under mission subsistence allowance. A total of 246 one-way trips at a cost of $2,088 per trip were reported for civilian police, against 300 one-way budgeted trips at $2,700 each. While two rotation trips for the 140 members of the special police-formed unit were completed as planned, the cost per one-way trip was lower at $473, against the budgeted amount of $675. In addition to a lower deployment of civilian police, savings for rations were also attributable to the transfer of reefer containers from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi. The Mission no longer had to rent reefer containers or pay for warehousing. The Mission also availed itself of discount opportunities and requisitioned rations on an "as required" basis.

International and local staff

Apportionment: $10,137,000; expenditure: $7,965,900; variance: $2,171,100

4. The unutilized balance of $2,171,100 under this heading resulted mainly from reduced requirements for international staff salaries, common staff costs and mission subsistence allowance as a result of an 11 per cent vacancy rate for international personnel and the filling of posts by personnel at lower grade levels, and the fact that local staff salaries were budgeted at level 4, step V, at gross amounts instead of net amounts.

United Nations Volunteers

Apportionment: $670,500; expenditure: $565,400; variance: $101,500

5. The unspent balance of $101,500 under United Nations Volunteers was due to a vacancy rate of 12 per cent as well as reduced requirements for travel within the mission area.

Operational requirements

Apportionment: $7,424,200; expenditure: $6,710,900; variance: $713,300

6. The unutilized balance of $713,300 under this heading resulted from reduced requirements for premises ($216,000), transport operations ($46,000), naval operations ($6,900), communications ($39,600), other equipment ($180,200) and supplies and services ($259,900), which were offset by additional requirements of $35,300, under air operations ($9,100) and air and surface freight ($26,200).

Premises/accommodation

Apportionment: $1,445,300; expenditure: $1,229,300; variance: $216,000

7. The unspent balance of $216,000 is attributable primarily to reduced consumption of generator fuel due to the closure of three provincial offices. In addition, the average cost of fuel was at $0.14 per litre compared with the budgeted rate of $0.19 per litre. Consequently, the actual monthly expenditure on generator fuel was $27,100 against a budgeted amount of $40,800 per month. Fewer alterations and renovations than planned at the Argentina camp also contributed to the unutilized balance.

Air operations

Apportionment: $86,200; expenditure: $95,300; variance: ($9,100)

8. Additional requirements of $9,100 arose from three medical evacuations which were undertaken to hospitals outside the mission area, instead of the budgeted two evacuations.

Naval operations

Apportionment: $34,800; expenditure: $27,900; variance: $6,900

9. There was an unutilized balance of $6,900, which was mainly related to the delayed deployment of one of the five boats to Port-de-Paix until March 1999 due to the difficult access to the sea in that part of Haiti. Moreover, the average cost of fuel was $0.16 per litre against the budgeted amount of $0.23 per litre.

Communications

Apportionment: $373,800; expenditure: $334,200; variance: $39,600

10. The unutilized balance of $39,600 under this heading was primarily due to the non-acquisition of the replacement telephone system and the consolidation of the requirements for all missions for upgrade of the telephone networks that would link

them to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, as part of the United Nations global telephone network.

Other equipment

Apportionment: $861,900; expenditure: $681,700; variance: $180,200

11. The unspent balance of $180,200 under other equipment was mainly due to the fact that the Mission did not purchase new generators since six refurbished generators were obtained from Brindisi (see para. 3 above) and the actual cost of desktop computers was lower than budgeted as a result of discounts economies realized under a global systems contract.

Supplies and services

Apportionment: $1,670,100; expenditure: $1,410,200; variance: $259,900

12. The unutilized balance of $259,900 under supplies and services resulted primarily from a shorter stay in hospital of the three medical evacuations from the Mission to Miami. Savings were also attributable to hiring fewer individuals under contractual services.

Air and surface freight

Apportionment: $6,000; expenditure: $32,200; variance: ($26,200)

13. Additional requirements of $26,200 under this heading are attributable primarily to the cost of shipment of communications, electronic and data-processing equipment and tyres from Brindisi.

Other programmes

Public information programmes

Apportionment: $58,800; expenditure: $41,900; variance: $16,900

14. The unutilized balance of $16,900 under public information programmes resulted primarily from the scaling down of activities because of a shortage of personnel in the public information unit.

Staff assessment

Apportionment: $1,432,000; expenditure: $1,159,900; variance: $272,100

15. The unspent balance of $272,100 under this heading is attributable to the lower deployment of international staff.

Income from staff assessment

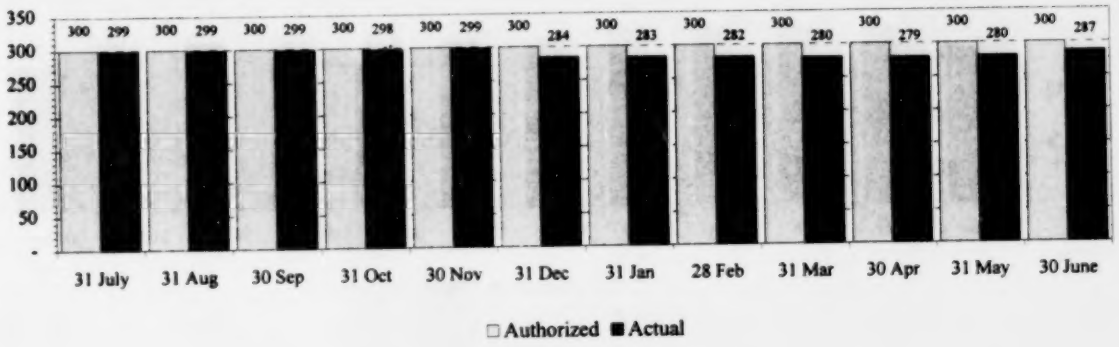
Apportionment: ($1,432,000); expenditure: ($1,159,900); variance: ($272,100)

16. This amount is derived from staff assessment (see para. 15).

Annex III

Planned and actual deployment of military and civilian personnel for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999

1. Civilian Police



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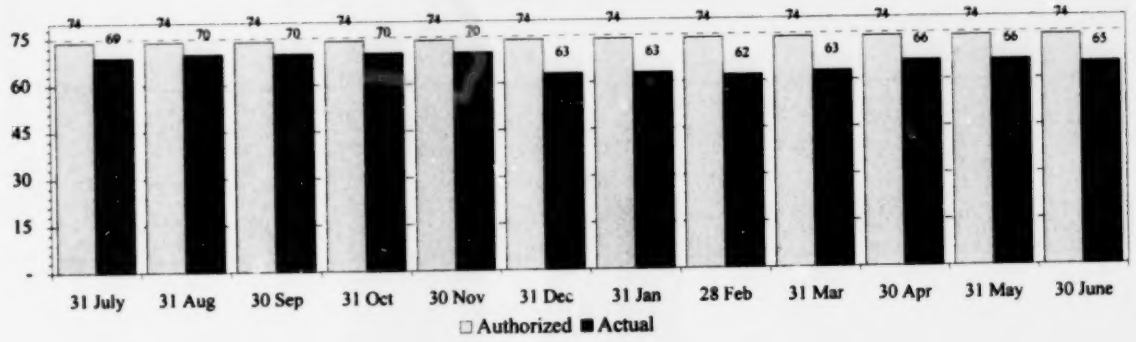

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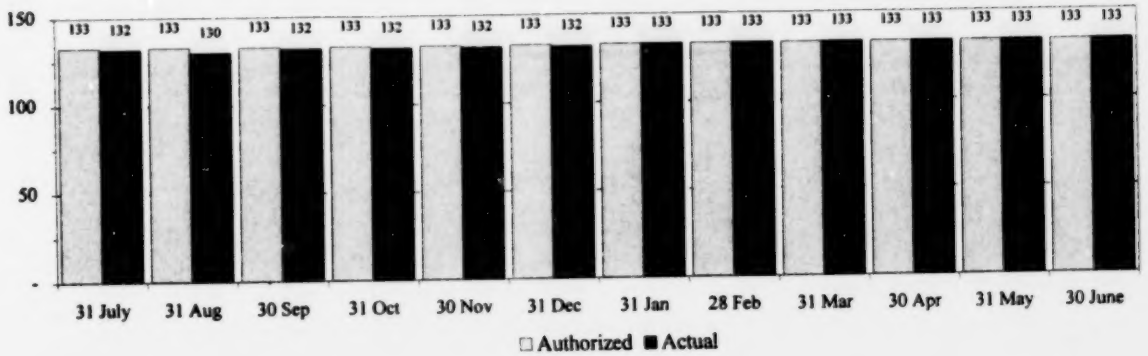

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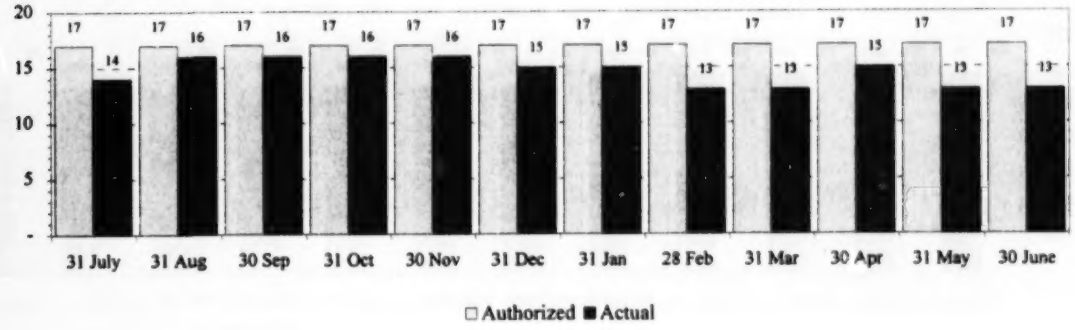

Annex IV

Apportionment and expenditure for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999